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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 2096

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SP  
SUBJECT: PRO-SOVIET PCE SPLINTER GROUP REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR CARRILLO'S EXPULSION

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, 200 MEMBERS OF THE PCE WHO HAD SENT A LETTER TO PCE SECGEN CARRILLO DENOUNCING HIS "REVISIONISM AND OPPORTUNISM" HAVE NOW PUBLISHED A DECLARATION TITLED "WE DENOUNCE THE POLICIES OF CARRILLO AND HIS GROUP," BECAUSE THEIR ORIGINAL LETTER WAS "KEPT FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY" AND SINCE CARRILLO HAS NOT ONLY NOT RECTIFIED HIS LINE BUT HAS GONE EVEN FURTHER WITH HIS "TREASON AGAINST THE PCE."  
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2. IN THE DECLARATION, THE DISSIDENTS ACCUSE "CARRILLO'S EUROCOMMUNISTS" OF "CONTINUING UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISMS AND VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOCIALIST CAMP, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE CPSU," AND ADD, INTER ALIA, THAT:  
--"ANTISOVINETISM AND ANTICOMMUNISM ARE THE SAME THING;

ONE CANNOT BE A MARXIST-LENINIST AND PRACTICE ANTI-SOVIETISM;" AND  
--"EUROCOMMUNISM IS ATTEMPTING TO LIQUIDATE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT."

3. THE DECLARATION REPORTEDLY CONTINUES THAT "GROWING UNMBERS OF PCE MEMBERS" ARE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CARRILLO'S EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY AND ALSO DENOUNCES AS "FELLOW REVISIONISTS" PARTY LEADERS MANUEL AZCARATE, SIMON SANCHEZ MONTERO, AND PILAR BRABO. IT THEN CONCLUDES WITH A CALL FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE "REVISIONIST CARRILLO LEADERSHIP" SO THAT THE PCE CAN RETURN TO ITS MARXIST-LENINIST HERITAGE WHICH WAS "LEFT US BY THE UNFORGETTABLE JOSE DIAZ" (PCE SEC GEN DURING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR WHO DIED IN THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE 1940'S).

4. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT THIS IS NOT A FIFTH COLUMN OPERATION, IT APPERAS THAT EVEN CARRILLO'S CAREFUL PERFORMANCE AT THE MADRID EUROCOMMUNIST "SUMMIT" WAS TOO MUCH FOR SOME OF THE MORE HARD-LINE PARTY ELEMENTS. THERE IS OF COURSE THE ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATION THAT THIS IS AN ORCHESTRATED ATTEMPT BY THE PCE LEADERSHIP TO HIGHLIGHT ITS "INDEPENDENCE" AS THE SUPREME COURT GRAPLES WITH THE LEGALIZATION DECISION.

5. IF THIS DOES IN FACT REPRESENT A SPLINTERING, IT WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST INTERNAL SCHISM OVER CARRILLO'S INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LINE AND IT WOULD SIMPLY REIN-

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FORCE DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER HIS INDEPENDENT/DEMOCRATIC PROTESTATIONS ARE ECHOED BY THE PARTY'S SECOND LEVEL LEADERSHIP AND RANK AND FILE. THE DECLARATION IS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH ANY KNOWN PCE SPLINTER GROUP, SUCH AS LISTER'S PCOE, BUT THE DRAFTERS COULD BE PART OF A HARD-LINE PCE DISSIDENT GROUPING CALLING ITSELF THE "LEFT OPPOSITION" (OPI). IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT CARRILLO'S LEADERSHIP IS BEING SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED. EATON

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